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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, PINT, CG, FR, UK, BE  
SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: CONSULTATIONS WITH MOBUTU

REF: A) STATE 126431; B) STATE 126070

1. I MET WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU AT 10:30 THIS EVENING, MAY 18.  
DRESSED IN HIS BATTLE FATIGUES, HE WAS OBVIOUSLY TIRED BUT OTHER-  
WISE IN REASONABLY GOOD SPIRITS AFTER LONG DAY. HE HAD JUST  
RETURNED FROM TRIP IN C-130 WITH JOURNALISTS TO KOLWEZI, WHERE  
THEY LANDED BRIEFLY AT AIRPORT (THIS GIVING PROOF TO GOZ'S CLAIM  
PREVIOUS DAY THAT IT HAD BEEN RETAKEN BY FAZ FORCES). MOBUTU HAD  
LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT SITUATION ON THE GROUND AND WE DID NOT GET INTO  
FUTURE MILITARY OPERATIONS. HE DID REFER TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE  
CAUSED BY FIGHTING IN KOLWEZI AREA AND SAID THAT ONCE SECURITY RESTORED,

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HE WOULD APPEAL TO ANGOLA, ZAMBIA AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AID. MOBUTU ALSO EXPRESSED  
GRAVE CONCERN RE INTELLIGENCE JUST RECEIVED THAT GENERAL  
MBUMBA HAD ORDERED KATANGANS TO KILL EUROPEAN HOSTAGES BEFORE  
WITHDRAWING FROM KOLWEZI.

2. I REVIEWED FOR MOBUTU THE STEPS WE HAD ALREADY TAKEN TO EXPEDITE

FMS MATERIAL IN PIPELINE AND GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO NEW REQUESTS FOR POL, SPARES, ETC. I EXPLAINED OUR PROPOSED OPERATIONS TO SUPPORT BELGIANS AND FRENCY BY PROVIDING TRANSPORT FOR GASOLINE BETWEEN KINSHASA AND KAMINA AND FOR EQUIPMENT ARRIVING FROM CORSICA. MOBUTU INDICATED HIS APPROVAL AND APPRECIATION FOR BOTH OPERATIONS.

3. I THEN EXPLAINED OUR NEED FOR A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE AND PASSED HIM SUGGESTED TEXT. MOBUTU READ IT AND PROMISED TO HAVE DELIVERED TO ME EARLY NEXT MORNING A SIGNED ORIGINAL WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE.

4. WE SPENT A FEW MINUTES DISCUSSING DIPLOMATIC ASPECTS OF CURRENT CRISIS. MOBUTU INDICATED HE CONSIDERED STEPS GOZ HAD ALREADY TAKEN TO INFORM OAU AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUFFICE FOR TIME BEING. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DID NOT RULE OUT ADDITIONAL STEPS AT UN, DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS. I BRIEFED MOBUTU IN GENERAL TERMS ON OUR RECENT APPROACH TO ANGOLANS RE SHABA AND THEIR RESPONSE.

5. NEVER ONE TO MISS A TRICK, MOBUTU MADE SURE LOCAL PRESS AND TV SHOWED UP DESPITE THE LATE HOUR.  
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